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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicant describes below any comments, where they appear in the search report, which relate to pertinent portions of the respective documents.

U.S. Patent No. 5,465,509 (FUERST et al.), issued on November 14, 1995, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1-8 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The following parts of US '509 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: column 3, line 40, to column 4, line 30, and Figs. 1, 4; and column 4, line 31, to column 5, line 30, and Figs. 7, 10.

International Patent Publication No. WO 02/07555 (BENETTON GROUP SPA), published on January 31, 2002, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 2, and 5-8 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The following parts of WO '555 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: page 5, line 13, to page 7, line 17, and Figs. 1 and 5.

European Patent Publication No. EP 1 205 121 (IPSA), published on May 15, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 2, and 5-7 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The following parts of EP '121 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: paragraphs 0012-0018, and Figs. 1 and 2. For convenience, an English language abstract for EP '121, obtained from esp@cenet.com, is attached.

U.S. Patent No. 6,416,610 (MATIS et al.), issued on July 9, 2002, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1, 2, and 6 of Applicant's aforementioned priority application. The following parts of US '610 are cited in the search report as being pertinent: column 3, line 25, to column 4, line 28, and Figs. 1 and 2.

In addition to the documents cited in the aforementioned search report of Applicant's priority application, the following two commonly owned patents are brought to the Examiner's attention for being pertinent, the first being cited in paragraphs 0003-0007 of the specification of the instant application:

U.S. Patent No. 6,000,148 (CRETINON), issued on December 14, 1999; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,321,469 (CRETINON), issued on November 27, 2001.

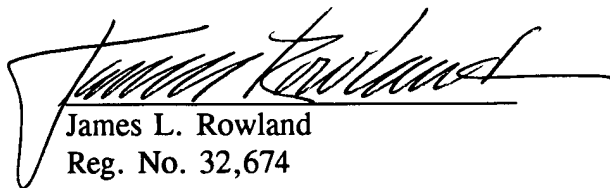
In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609, a copy of each of the above-mentioned documents is attached. Although copies of the cited U.S. patents are not required according to current practice, Applicant has included such copies for convenience.

In addition, each of the documents is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of each of the initialled form to Applicant.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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	5 4 6 5 5 0 9	11-1995	FUERST et al.	36	88	
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